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Dekker named as first Teaching Consultant

by James Grimshaw

A new position has been established at Rose-Hulman to provide an opportunity for professors to improve their teaching ability: the Teaching Consultant. Dr. Donald Dekker has been chosen as the new Teaching Consultant (TC) and will begin his new position this Fall.

The TC is a position the Quality of Education Committee has been working on for two years, under the chairmanship of Dr. William Ovens the first year and Dr. Brian Winkel this year.

The Consultant's responsibilities will be two-fold: to be a resource person for one-on-one consultation with professors who wish to improve some aspect of their teaching, and to bring in outside resource personnel and teaching-oriented materials to raise the faculty's consciousness of teaching excellence.

Choosing the present TC was a long process involving faculty, senior students and recent alumni. All groups submitted suggestions on who they thought could serve as a TC, and whether they thought the position was worthwhile at Rose-Hulman.

The response from all three groups was very positive for the position and several professors were recommended for the position.

After the Quality of Education Committee evaluated the submitted information, Dr. James Eifert, dean of faculty, selected Dr. Dekker as the TC from a list of names recommended by the committee.

Dekker is now preparing for his new position next fall:

"I would like to emphasize that this is the faculty's program, not mine. I'm not trying to sell any burning ideas. I would just like to create some vehicles so we can all share our ideas about effective teaching."

Based on his work with the ASEE Seminars, Dekker feels he can use outside resources effectively. He would like to organize books and materials about teaching in the faculty lounge in the library.

Developing a newsletter to share information he has and providing the opportunity for all professors to share teaching ideas are in his plans also.

He would also like to see several student discussion groups brainstorm on the qualities of good teaching. Their feedback, according to Dekker and the Quality of Education Committee, is very valuable to improve the teaching at Rose-Hulman.

One way to help professors improve a weakness in a certain area of teaching, according to

Dekker, is to have them observe the lectures of another professor who has a strength in that area.

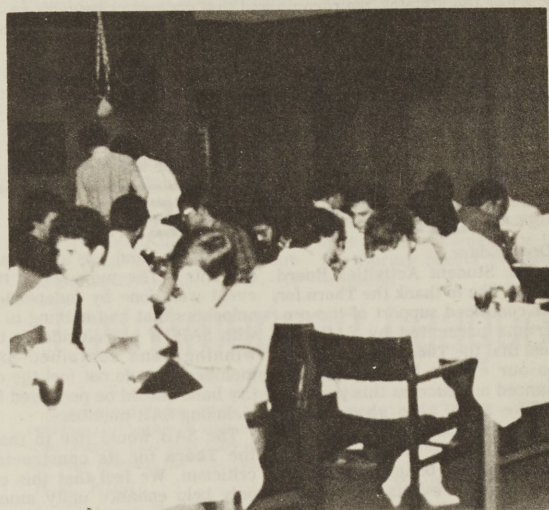
Dekker also thinks that having someone to talk to concerning an aspect of their teaching could help professors better formulate their thoughts and work towards improvement.

Dekker is optimistic about his new appointment and thinks it can provide an important service to Rose-Hulman.

"I've never done anything like this before. I'm going to be breaking new ground. But with over 20 years of teaching (and working with the ASEE Seminars) I've gained a certain amount of knowledge I can share."

The Teaching Consultant will serve one two-year term. After this term, the Quality of Education Committee will evaluate the position to determine if it is effective. This evaluation will be based upon the annual reports the TC submits to the committee, and a survey filled out by the faculty.

From this evaluation, the committee will either continue the position with a faculty member serving as the TC, continue the position with an outside consultant or discontinue the formal position.



Administrative Services award

The Administrative Services staff enjoyed a meal last Thursday at the First Annual Awards Banquet. This year's Employee of the Year award went to Larry Wood, who works in the mailroom. The Student Manager of the Year award was won by Eric Overholt, who works in Office Supplies.

Awards were also given for Employee and Student Manager of the Quarter. This is the first year that the awards were given, but the Administrative Services office hopes that this will become a tradition.

Thorn wins four awards

The Rose Thorn has won four newspaper awards for its work during the 1984-85 academic year: two in national competition and two in state competition.

The American Scholastic Press Association awarded the Thorn "First Place" overall in the small college division. The Thorn earned 945 out of a possible 1000 points. Judges awarded 12 other small colleges "First Place" for earning over 850 points.

ASPA judges also awarded the Thorn for "Outstanding Sports Coverage" in the December 7, 1984 edition. The Thorn was one of 18 other colleges to receive this honor against all other colleges.

In state competition, the Indiana Collegiate Press Association awarded the Thorn "Best Special Issue" among small colleges for its special freshmen edition.

The ICPA also awarded the Buddy System cartoon of Clark Kent the "Best Comic Cartoon." Students Harry Fuerhaupter and

Richard Payonk composed the cartoon.

The Thorn was especially pleased to have earned these awards as it was competing against other colleges which have paid staffs and journalism programs. No Thorn staff members are paid for their work, nor does Rose-Hulman offer any journalism courses.

The Thorn would also like to bid farewell to its present staff and announce next year's editorial staff.

This year's staff was led by editor Geoffrey Lange. Lange is a four year veteran of the staff and served as photographer, reporter and news editor in past years.

News editor Scott Haney is a two year man. Last year Haney served as a copy editor and reporter.

Another four year veteran, John Rohlfing, acted as features editor. Rohlfing has been a columnist and reporter in past years.

Freshman sports editor Jim

Chinni replaced Bill Lorenz in December. Chinni is the only non-senior editor and the only editor returning next year.

Two year man David Strelow was the business manager. Since he will be a resident assistant next year, he will not be returning to his Thorn position next year.

According to Lange next year's Thorn staff is not as experienced as the exiting staff, "but they have plenty of talent and energy."

They will be led by next year's editor, Robert Kline. Kline served this year as chief reporter.

Next year's news editor will be rookie Jeff Lambert. Features editor will be Lee Beckham and Chinni will return as sports editor. Richard Neal will assume the job of business manager.

Lange had these parting words: "I was honored to serve as editor of The Rose Thorn and pleased to have won several awards this year. I wish even more success to next year's staff. Good Luck!"

Salaries rise again, but slightly

CPS — This spring's college grads are getting relatively smaller starting salaries in their first professional jobs than their predecessors, a new survey says.

Starting salaries have not increased as fast as the inflation rate for the third consecutive year, the survey found.

The mid-year survey, released recently by the College Placement Council (CPC), a national organization of campus employment officers, discovered that businesses will make about eight percent more job offers this year than last.

But starting salaries for those jobs will be only one to three percent more than last year's.

CPC analyst Judith Kayser says the new figures cannot be attributed to lingering effects of the 1982-83 recession.

"This represents a dramatic change in the philosophy of students," Kayser says.

Midnight Breakfast is back

Old traditions never really disappear; they just sort of hibernate, like the elusive midnight breakfast! For those of you who have never experienced them, midnight breakfasts used to occur before finals. Recently, there have been foot-long hot dogs on Sundays before finals.

Due to popular demand, the old breakfasts are back.

According to Donna Gustafson, director of the Hulman Union, "The faculty enjoys cooking the breakfast meals more than the others."

This year's breakfast will be 11:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Sunday, May 19. The menu will consist of French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage and fruit juice.

Perks added to dorms

by Tom Vorjohan & CPS

In an effort to attract students to on-campus housing and compete with off-campus housing benefits, an increasing number of schools are offering a smorgasboard of once unheard of amenities for next fall.

At the University of North Dakota, some dorms have weight rooms and saunas. At Eastern Michigan University, some on-campus residents have access to computer rooms in their dormitories, and are offered twelve month leases.

At the University of Oklahoma, free cable television in dormitory lounges, a pizza bar and an automated banking machine are in the works for next fall.

It is estimated that 20 to 25 percent of the nation's colleges now have a difficult time filling their dorms. Some schools are offering students more to stay on campus, if only to keep their dorms as attractive as those on other campuses. For these reasons, many dorms are turning increasingly to more aggressive marketing.

Although Rose is not offering any "special" benefits to students, on-campus housing is generally appealing to the students. Next year it will cost \$400 for room and \$490 (or \$470) for board per quarter, which is the same cost as the present year.

Even with this relatively large cost, twenty-four seniors had to be put on a waiting list for housing due to the lack of space on campus.

The price for on-campus housing has been rising rapidly for the past few years. Five years ago, for the 1979-80 school year, it cost \$175 (or \$185 for the upper-class halls) for room and \$280 or \$300 for the meals per quarter. This is over 115% increase in five years.

Pete Gustafson, associate dean of students, says that the price increase is due largely to the increase in utilities along with the ongoing cost of repair and maintenance.

Last year alone, over \$175,000 was spent in and on the resident

halls. Says Tom Miller, director of residential life, "Our halls are in much better shape than a few years ago." All the halls now have water softeners, telephone access in each room, candy machines, laundry facilities and cable television somewhere around the corner.

In the annual freshmen survey, residence hall living keeps getting better and better marks, which Miller feels can largely be attributed to the RAs and SAs.

There are many hidden benefits in living on campus: the painting policy complete with free supplies is one not found on many campuses; the visitation policy is relatively loose in comparison to most other dorms on campuses like ISU and Saint Mary-of-the-Woods; also the janitorial staff and maid service is of a caliber not matched by many.

Keeping the residence halls in good shape is very important. Last year Deming 1 and 2 received new desks, Speed had all of its wood surfaces stained and refinished, and much painting was done all over campus.

Two years ago both Speed and BSB got new lounge furniture and this year Mees hall will be getting new carpet since the original carpet is showing a little wear after 17 years.

Both Gustafson and Miller don't feel as though Rose is competing with off-campus housing. They "just want to keep the prices down and make on-campus living attractive to students," said Miller.

Even the food service is making an effort toward the students by having weekly monotony breakers like sundaes, shakes, holiday specials, steak night and other special offerings.

Although no extra effort is being made to attract students away from apartment living, the efforts that are being made, along with the convenience of living on campus, do make residence hall living very attractive to a large number of Rose students.

EDITORIAL

With all the excitement over the Moench Hall renovation, we think that it's time attention is paid to various existing facilities at Rose-Hulman.

The staff has compiled a short list of areas we believe sidewalks should be installed. Sidewalks serve the twofold purpose of beautifying the campus by eliminating dirt paths in grassy areas and providing sure footing during the wet, snowy and icy seasons.

For the athletes, we recommend that concrete sidewalks replace the system of gravel trails which flow from the south side of the fieldhouse to the Moench Hall parking lot.

A new path is developing north of B&G, on the small grass isle which separates the buildings from the student parking lot.

The ancient path adjacent to the south east library steps will look terrible until a permanent solution has been had. If sidewalks are not chosen, then we suggest that hand rails, which have been successful in re-routing traffic, be installed.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The Student Activities Board would like to thank the **Thorn** for its continued support of the programs presented by SAB. We feel that the **Thorn's** contribution to our events has greatly enhanced our success this year.

The SAB also shares the **Thorn's** concern for the "questionable practices" that SAB seems to be involved in. We feel that our events are open to all students, faculty, and staff of Rose-Hulman, and should therefore be open to our members as well. The winners of SAB sponsored events are determined by independent judges, usually faculty and staff. SAB has nothing to do with selecting the winners of our events. For this reason we are not jeopardizing our integrity by this policy.

The **Thorn** was correct in stating that one of the Air Bands in the Springfest Air Bank Competition included three SAB members out of eight members total. This group was also the only band to perform that had originally signed up out of five. The

second Air Band was a last minute entry. The judging for this event was done by independent onlookers that had nothing to do with SAB. If by coincidence the winning band contained SAB members, we do not feel the entire band should be penalized for including SAB members.

The SAB would like to thank the **Thorn** for its constructive criticism. We feel that this can only help enhance unity among Rose-Hulman student organizations so that we can better serve the Rose student.

Sincerely,
John Thaler
SAB Chairman

P.S. SAB would like to thank everyone who attended Springfest. YOU, THE STUDENTS, have made SAB events a success.

Dear Mr. Thaler,

The **Thorn** only considers "questionable practices" those which include the eligibility of officers for awards. We strongly endorse participation by non-officer members in such activities.

Album Review Year in Review

Since this **Thorn** music column is the last one for the 1984-85 academic year, this article will focus on the groups and albums which have had the most impact on contemporary music, on future music and on Rose-Hulman students.

The musical styles from which the albums and groups were chosen include new wave, progressive rock, rock, hard rock and folk. Although these albums and groups were not rated in numeric order, the albums and groups were still chosen on the basis of quality, permanence, innovativeness and group dynamics.

The three albums which have had the most impact on modern and future music during the 1984-85 academic year are listed below, although two were released just before the beginning of this time period:

Grace Under Pressure
Bruce Springsteen
Born in the U.S.A.
U2

Unforgettable Fire

Rush's music has a transcendental quality to it. That is, the songs comment on the future, the modern man, revolutionary historical events, and the like, instead of concentrating on materialism, hedonism, etc. Because Rush constantly alludes to literature, art and history, they have not wanted to be associated with the average, mundane, anti-intellectual attitude pervading Top 40 music.

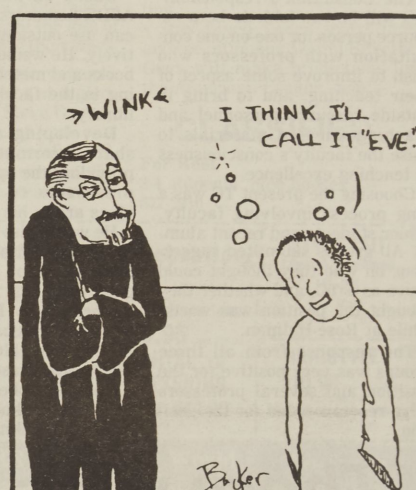
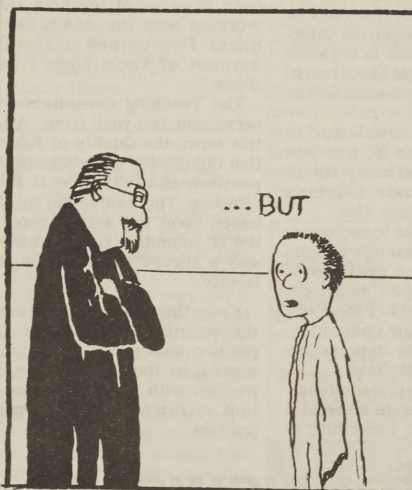
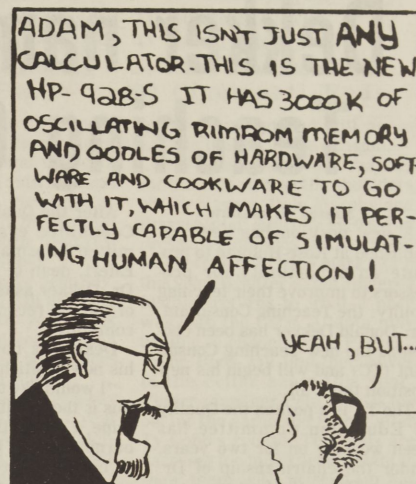
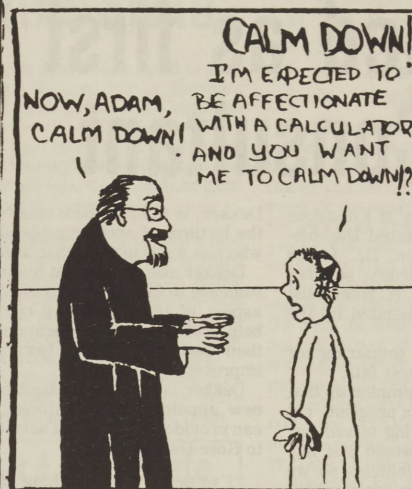
With the sales success of albums like *Grace Under Pressure*, they are an inspiration to all bands who want to make it but do not want to compromise their artistic and musical values.

To some Rose-Hulman students, Rush songs like "Digital Man" off of *Permanent Waves* and "The Enemy Within" off of *Grace Under Pressure* have become their anthems in college. Of the groups which Rose-Hulman students devoutly follow, Rush is easily in the top three.

Bruce Springsteen has proved once again with *Born in the*

The Gospel According to Herman

by Steve Backer



U.S.A. that his lyrics still possess a cutting edge into the American mind-set and that his music has a lasting permanence. Songs like "Born to Run" are still receiving air play years after their release even if Springsteen does not have a current album out (can Top 40 artists say the same?). Similarly, some of the songs off of *Born in the U.S.A.* are still receiving much radio play even though that album was released almost one year ago.

One of the few bands which are spiritually, intellectually and politically challenging is U2. Besides opening the way for other Irish bands to make it like the Waterboys, their biggest impact is that they have added a new dimension to secular new wave music — the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Thus, they enjoy both a large Christian audience (mainly because of the power and precision of their music).

Over the 1984-85 academic year, many artists have appeared on the American music

scene. New faces have included Los Lobos, Bruce Cockburn, The Firm, General Public, Power Station, Frankie Goes to Hollywood and John Fogerty. Of these, Los Lobos had the most impact among the critics. *Rolling Stone* critics' poll awarded them its three highest awards).

As of now, it is hard to say if any of these groups will have a long-term effect on music. However, groups like Rush, Bruce Springsteen, and U2, have had, have, and will have an impact on contemporary music.

— Brian Evans

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Movie Review

Gotcha gets a Go

Gotcha is a make-believe story that changes into real life, similar to *Romancing the Stone*, that is surprisingly entertaining.

The film opens in the make-believe world of an "assassins"-type game at a California college. Jonathon (Anthony Edwards) is chasing down his victim and finally shoots him with a red-paint bullet. The name of the game is simply, *Gotcha*, and hence the name of the movie.

On his spring break Jonathon goes to France and falls in love with a woman named Sasha (Linda Fiorentino). It is here that the excitement begins.

Jonathon goes with Sasha as she travels around Europe as part of her "courier business." And before long Jonathon is involved in some international *Gotcha*, with real weapons and KGB agents.

Gotcha was especially good because it did not wallow in stupidity as I had expected. The plot was complex and twisting. As soon as the action started getting predictable the story twisted off in a new direction.

There was nothing particularly spectacular about *Gotcha*. But it did have a lot of variety, and whether it was comical, violent, terrifying, romantic, suspenseful

or mysterious it all combined to make for good fun.

This was probably a good last movie for me to review because I was expecting a poor teen-age sex comedy, but instead *Gotcha* was very enjoyable. And for those of you scoring at home, that makes "Joel rips movie to shreds," 23, "Joel likes movie," 3.

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— Joel Schneider

Thorn Sports

Engineers split two doubleheaders with IUPUI and DePauw

by Thorn Sportswriter
Steve Zeglin

The Rose Baseball team came from behind twice this weekend at Art Nehf field to pull out the first games of double-headers against IUPUI and DePauw. But, the Engineers lost both evening games.

Saturday, Mitch Cain ripped the ball through a hole in

IUPUI's drawn-in infield in the bottom of the seventh inning to lead the Engineers to a 7-6 victory. Going into the inning Rose was down 6-5, but four straight Rose walks quickly tied the game 6-6. Shawn Kendinger won the game in relief of starter Andy Curosh. Although each team had 13 hits in the second game, the Engineers were out-

scored 18-8. Andy Burtner suffered the loss.

Sunday Rose won an extra inning battle against DePauw by a score of 3-2 in the 8th inning. The game was tied 1-1 after seven innings, but DePauw scored one in the top of the 8th. In the bottom of the inning Andy Curosh smashed a bases loaded double off the fence to bring in the tying and winning runs. Mark Mayfield was the winning pitcher in relief of a fine effort from starter Bruce Cluskey. In the second game the Tigers broke a 6-6 tie in the sixth inning and scored seven runs to eventually win 13-7. Dennis Kelley received the loss.

The Engineers are now 12-30 on the year but, they are looking forward to a good showing at the CAC Baseball tourney today thru Sunday at Sewanee, Tennessee. Rose will be playing a total of five games against CAC opponents Centre, Sewanee, Rhodes, Fisk and Earlham.

Nine events go to Nationals

Two more track records were broken and one more Engineer trackman qualified for Nationals in recent action. Rose now is sending men to nine events at the NCAA Division III finals, the most ever for an Engineer team.

Two Engineer field men broke the old discus record of 168'0". Marty Jones held the old mark but he surpassed it with a toss of 168'4". Not one to be outdone, teammate Stacey Himes then heaved the discus for the new record of 170'0". Both men qualified earlier this season for national competition.

The second record to fall was in the 1600m relay. Steve Nerney, Brian Cavagnini, Bryan Millard and Kurt Kelso combined their efforts for an outstanding time of 3:19.0, .15

seconds better than the old mark.

John Hanger was added to the list of Engineer trackmen going to finals. He tossed the javelin a distance of 216'2" in his qualifying throw.

Others already going to Nationals include: Chris Trapp, returning champion in the javelin; Jones, shot put and discus; Himes, discus; Dave Beil, pole vault; Cavagnini 400m dash; William Sears 110m High Hurdles, and the 400m Relay team of Cavagnini, Nerney, Sears and Chris Cook.

The Engineers are looking to win their seventh straight College Athletic Conference title at the Spring Sports Festival this weekend.

The American League

by Thorn Sportswami
Billy the Geek

As promised Thorn sports fans, the infamous swami Billy the Geek has continued his legacy of amazing predictions about the outcome of the American League. Last year Billy was not overly successful with his predictions but hope abounds that this year's will be better.

A.L. East

- 1) Detroit Tigers
- 2) Toronto Blue Jays
- 3) Boston Red Sox
- 4) Baltimore Orioles
- 5) New York Yankees
- 6) Cleveland Indians
- 7) Milwaukee Brewers

A.L. West

- 1) Kansas City Royals
- 2) Chicago White Sox
- 3) Minnesota Twins
- 4) Texas Rangers
- 5) Oakland A's
- 6) California Angels
- 7) Seattle Mariners

The East is where the power is in the American League. The Detroit Tigers and the Toronto Blue Jays will swing it out all the way until the final weeks of September and no more than two of the seven teams will finish below 0.500.

Last year, the Tigers had one of the best starts of any team in decades. Manager Sparky Anderson knows how to handle championship teams. He repeatedly led the Big Red Machine to the World Series and he won't let Detroit fans down this year.

Anderson's Tigers will find stiff opposition from the Blue Jays. With the addition of relief hurlers Bill Caudill from the A's and Gary Lavelle from the Giants, Toronto will be able to pull out more late inning contests.

The Red Sox appear to be the best of the rest. They have the hitting to win a pennant, but lumber is only half of the game. To compete with the potent Tigers and Jays, each of the Bosox' starting pitchers will have to have outstanding seasons.

The rest of the division is up for grabs. The Yankees will probably go through two more managers but will finish no better than fourth place.

The Royals will do it again in the West. Kansas City has finished no lower than second in the past five years, and this year they could find themselves playing ball in October. George Brett is the man who will lead the Royals to the playoffs, and on his leadership capabilities and his mighty bat ride the fortunes of the Royals.

The Chicago White Sox will finish behind the Royals and should provide them with good competition throughout the year. It was not a fluke that they finished first in 1983, but on the other hand it was a fluke that Ron Kittle hit only 0.215 last year. Kittle will return to the form he showed during his rookie season and Harold Bains will hit over 0.300 to lift Chicago over those clutch one run ballgames.

Look for the Twins to finish strong due to their talented youth and strong farm system. The Rangers just about bottom out the talent in this league and so should finish fourth. The basement teams are weak and should be record boosters for the more talented teams in the American League.



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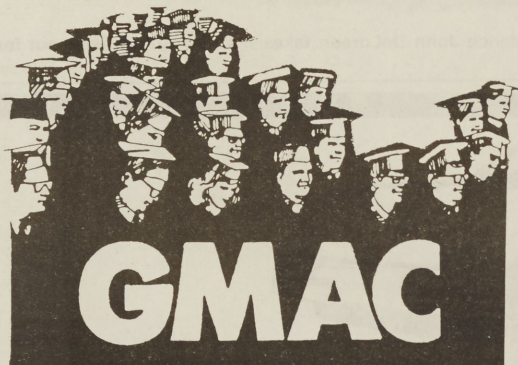
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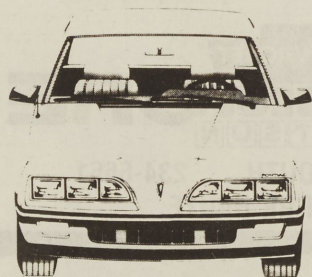
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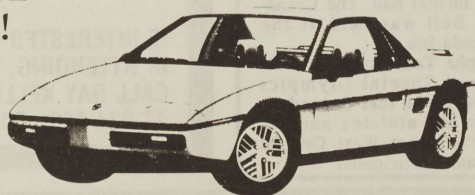
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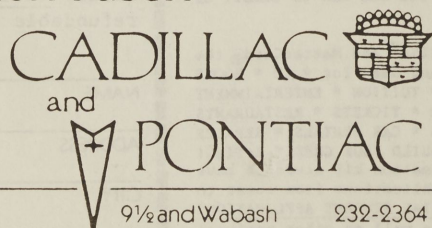
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Huge scandal hits campus, or maybe not

by L. S. Drive

Students entering the job market this spring are increasingly likely to face a new hurdle: drug tests.

Companies say that the tests are due to increased drug usage on campuses, but President L. Samuel D. Hulbeier has assured the *Rose Pravda* that this is not the case here.

"What we (snif) have here is (snort) a bad case of a (snifsnort) few state schools giving (snortsnif) all of us a bad (coff)

name. Oh, where is that Kleenex?" he said. He went on to say that although Munch Hall will be renamed Scarface Hall when the renovation is complete, Rosem-Hosem is not receiving money from Colombian backers.

Juan Miller, working in his garden where the intramural field used to be, said only, "Hey bud, how's it growin'?"

Peat Grastofson, associate chief dude in charge of students, agreed with Hulbeier. "We have

no drugs on this campus, of course not," he chirped. "Have a coke and a smile?"

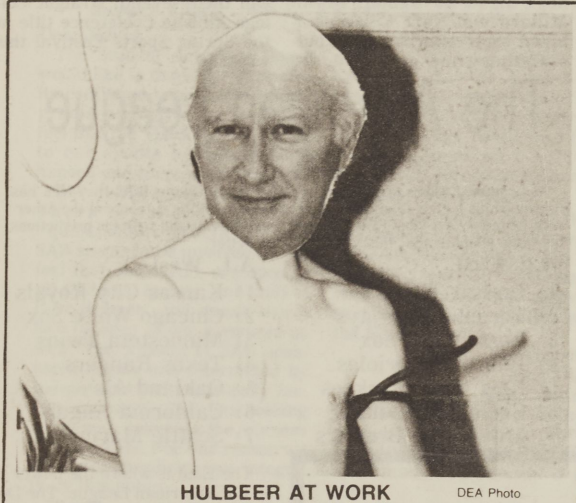
In response to rumors that ARAT was serving as a front for the Turtle Hole drug market, Smack Farmer said, "We here at ARAT feel that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, which is why we serve our nutritious Hash Brownies at breakfast. If you start off on the right foot, your life can reach

new highs, right?"

Some of Rosem's latest actions, however, leave doubts in this muckraker's mind. What about some of our entrepreneur-in-residence people? Recently, a man developed, using Rosem-Hosem funds, the new Ram-C Nasal Penetrator, claiming that "one blast from this baby could keep you going all day long." And the development of a new hovercraft, which is capable of at least twice the speed of a

coast guard destroyer. These arouse my suspicions.

Of course, the *Pravda* categorically denies any involvement in any of this. Despite claims that we must be on drugs to invent those stupid bored games, or to even take the job, the editors are (of course) the most upright moral people on the Hosem campus, and we have vowed to end this wicked hooliganism once and for all. Or until somebody cuts us in. Whichever.



HULBEIER AT WORK

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S.G.A. News

by Sean Maher

Class elections were held on May 3. The results are as follows:

Class of '86: President: R. Daniel Harrison, Vice President: John Rhoades, Treasurer: Bryan Gatewood, Secretary: Kent Suiter.

Class of '87: President:

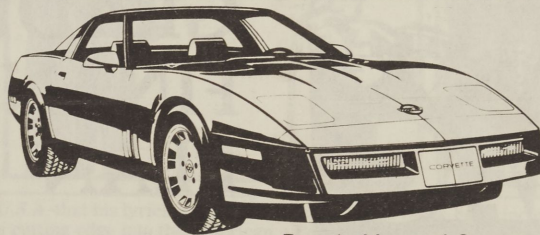
Mark Bower, Vice President: Jay Chow, Secretary: Trent Bennet.

Class of '87: President: Mark Bower, Vice President: Greg Smith, Treasurer: Jay Chow, Secretary: Trent Bennet.



NOSEDIVE — Entrepreneur-in-residence John DeLorean takes his new Snowbuster out for a run at Rosem's test tracks.

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FRATERNITY RHO

by John Rumberg

Phi Gamma Delta activated its fall pledge class last weekend. The new actives are: sophomores Joe Caughey, Miles Fletcher, Fred Krick, Jerry Mourey and Rob Winklejohn. Freshman actives are: Brad Barnes, Duane Braunecker, Bryan Eckhoff, Mike Insko, Tom Kowalski, Mike Leakey, Brad Mills, Jed Mitchener, Steve Press, Matt Strabley, Steve Turpin and Dave Urbanek. The Fiji's have also taken another pledge class. Kelly Land and Bruce Talbert

are the new Fiji pledges.

The men of Delta Sigma Phi have also taken a spring pledge class. The new members of Delta Sig are Chris Wernimont, Rob Mongell and Shawn Huffman. Last weekend Delta Sig held its first formal ball. The Carnation Ball was held at the Ramada Inn.

Alpha Tau Omega held its annual Special Olympics track meet last Saturday. Over 400 athletes and 100 coaches from West Central Indiana participated.

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